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FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
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June 4, 2008

The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Supervisors:

FISH AND GAME PROPAGATION FUND GRANT AWARDS
(All SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS)
(3-VOTES)

SUBJECT

Approval of this recommendation will provide grant funds to the Youth Wildlife Conservation Summer Sports Camp which will allow for stocking of rainbow trout at Camp Three Falls in the Frazier Park area.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

Approve the following Fish and Game Propagation Fund grant request in the amount of \$2,650 for the stocking of rainbow trout at Frazier Park for the June 25 to June 29, 2008 'Youth Wildlife Conservation Summer Sports Camp' sponsored by Santa Clarita Valley Quail Unlimited - \$2,650.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Commission has determined that the grant request will promote education, conservation and the propagation of fish and game thus benefiting Los Angeles County and the State of California.

The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission recommended that your Honorable Board approve the grant from the Fish and Game Propagation Fund at its April 10, 2008, meeting. Since 1952, the Commission has supported activities and projects overseeing the propagation and protection of fish and game. The Commission continues to promote the best methods for the propagation and protection of fish and game in the State of California and Los Angeles County.

To enrich lives through effective and caring service

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

Providing funding for this event is consistent with the County's Strategic Plan Goal No. 5 (Children and Families' Well-Being). In addition to enhancing children and family's knowledge and understanding of conservation and the propagation of fish and game, the events will provide a safe and healthy environment promoting family welfare.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

There is no impact on the General Fund. The approved expenditure will be charged to the Fish and Game Propagation Fund, which has sufficient funds to cover these costs.

The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Propagation Fund is financed from a percentage of penalty assessments collected relating to Fish and Game Code Violations in Los Angeles County.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Section 13100 of the Fish and Game Code establishes guidelines for the expenditure of fines levied for fish and game code violations. It includes public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids in education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Enhances the education, conservation and the propagation of fish and game thus benefiting Los Angeles County and the State of California.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "John Hybarger", with a stylized flourish at the end.

John H. Hybarger
Chairman

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Attachments

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AGENDA ITEM 5

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION INFORMATION FOR GRANT APPLICANTS

THE COMMISSION

The Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission is an advisory body for the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the Fish and Game Warden regarding the propagation and protection of fish and game in Los Angeles County and the State of California. It was created by authority of a resolution adopted February 26, 1952 under Chapter 3.26 and Chapter 6.44 of the Los Angeles County Code. The Commission administers and makes recommendations for the disbursement of funds received from fines for violations of the Fish and Game Code within the County of Los Angeles. Grant making is based on the availability of funds, geographical and categorical considerations and a thorough evaluation of the information provided by applicants. The Commission meets quarterly, but grant applications may be submitted at any time.

POLICY AND OBJECTIVES

The policy of the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission is to encourage the conservation and maintenance of wildlife resources in conjunction with Sections 1801 and 13103 of the California Fish and Game Code. This policy includes the following objectives:

- To enhance Fish and Game activities including propagation, protection and restoration
- To support Fish and Wildlife projects
- To further Research and Education in areas related to Fish and Wildlife

APPLICATION SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Non-profit organizations with an IRS 501 (c) (3) tax-exempt status or a purpose consistent with the definition of 501 (c) (3) status are eligible to apply.

Project/Program Must Clearly Qualify For Funding Under Section 13103 of the California Fish and Game Code - (Please Refer to Attachment A). Projects funded under this Section must be expended for the propagation and conservation of fish and game within or outside the County.

Completed applications must be submitted with ten (10) signed originals to:

**LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION
500 WEST TEMPLE STREET, ROOM B-50
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA 90012**

Applicant(s) or representative(s) must attend and make a presentation at the Commission meeting, as notified, in order to have their grant application considered.

Successful applicants must provide the Commission a progress report in six months following the award of the grant.

APPLICATION EVALUATION CRITERIA

Applications must include all of the information and materials requested on the attached Grant application for consideration by the Commission. If additional space is required, please use 8½ x11 paper.

Revised 02-13-08

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY FISH AND GAME COMMISSION

GRANT APPLICATION TITLE PAGE

TITLE OF PROJECT/PROGRAM:

YOUTH WILDLIFE CONSERVATION SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

NAME OF ORGANIZATION: **QUAIL UNLIMITED**
[As it appears on (501) (c) (3) IRS Letter]

ADDRESS: **P.O. Box 803189**

CITY: **Santa Clarita** STATE: **California** ZIP CODE: **91380**

TELEPHONE NUMBER: **(661) 297-0876** FAX NUMBER: **(661) 297-0876**

AMOUNT REQUESTED: **\$ 6400.00**

BOARD CHAIRPERSON: **Jeff Carley**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: **Rocky Evans**

CONTACT PERSON: **Derek Fong**

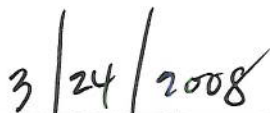
TITLE: **Hunter Education – Youth Education Coordinator**

TELEPHONE NUMBER(S): **(661) 733-1740**

AUDITED TOTAL INCOME **\$ 3365.00** - AUDITED TOTAL EXPENSES **\$ 6586.55**

FOR FISCAL YEAR BEGINNING: **1/1/2008** AND ENDING: **12/31/2008**


SIGNATURE OF BOARD CHAIRPERSON


DATE

Note to Applicant: Please complete this title page and attach all grant application materials prior to submission.

One Page Project Summary

Santa Clarita Valley Quail Unlimited (SCVQU), in conjunction with the Boy Scouts of America would like to propose the reintroduction of game fish species into a lake at Camp Three Falls, a Boy Scout Camp located in the Frazier Park area. Several years ago, this 3 acre pond was drained to eradicate a non-indigenous species of carp, the irradiation was successful. Since then, the California Department of Fish and Game has approved the reintroduction of indigenous fish species into this pond. With run off of three rivers in this area, and a significant amount of rain fall, this pond is now full, and is once again able to sustain a healthy fish habitat.

The state of this pond was brought to the attention of SCVQU when we decided to hold our annual youth hunting and wildlife conservation resident camp at Camp Three Falls this summer. Fishing has always been a big part of our youth program, thus it was one of the main reasons we decided to utilize Camp Three Falls. Apparently, the lake had been drained for several years. The local Boy Scout Council wanted to restock the lake, but funds were not available to do so. They were also unaware of grant programs such as yours that might help with the cost of restocking. SCVQU approached the Boy Scouts and ask if we could help. Working closely with the CADFG and U.S. Forestry Service on many projects, we felt we might be able to find a solution, and get this lake stocked so that the young campers could once again learn how to fish, and experience the joys of fishing. Since then, we have confirmed with the CADFG that the lake is a viable habitat for game fish species. Now the challenge is finding the funding to purchase the fish.

We propose stocking the pond with approximately **2000 (1 lbs) Rainbow Trout**. During the first year following restocking, barbless hooks and a "catch and release" program will be in place. Subsequent to the first year, fisherman will still be encouraged to adhere to catch and release, with some fish being taken for the purpose of meeting specific Boy Scout Fishing Merit Badge requirements which require the Scout to catch, clean, cook and eat a fish they caught.

For several decades, thousands of young people have participated in youth programs at Camp Three Falls. One of the great attractions has been the lake, and the opportunity to learn how to fish. Bringing back this opportunity would not only afford young people with opportunity to enjoy the experiences and benefits of fishing, it would also provide them with a deeper appreciation of nature and the great outdoors.

Background on Applicant's Organization

Purpose and goals:

Quail Unlimited is a non profit national organization whose primary focus is wildlife and habitat conservation. In the last five years Quail Unlimited Chapters have:

- Spent \$8.46 million chapter dollars on habitat improvement projects.
- Planted 373,000 trees and shrubs.
- Conducted prescribed burning on 254,000 acres.
- Spent \$165,000 assisting state and federal agencies on 13,200 acres of private land conservation programs
- Developed or maintained 1,070 wildlife-watering sites.
- Sponsored 2,600 youth activities, projects, camps, etc.
- Reached 990,000 youth with activities such as habitat projects, hunter education, conservation programs, scholarships, school events and youth groups.
- Conducted 360 wildlife surveys in cooperation with state and federal wildlife agencies.

Brief summary of current activities:

Currently, SCVQU is partnered with U.S. Forest Service in the reforestation of the Los Padres National Forest that was affected by the 2006 "Day Fire". We have committed \$100,000 for the next five years to this project as well as volunteer support. We maintain 52 wildlife water guzzlers and have developed over 15 springs in the area. We are also big supporters of the 3,000+ Boy Scouts in the Santa Clarita area offering assistance with Eagle Scout projects, and shooting merit badge programs. In addition, we also subsidize youth Hunter Education classes and Hunt programs. Finally, we support the CDFG Game Bird Heritage Family Hunt Program by volunteering Hunter Education Instructors, Range Safety Officers, Dog Handlers and Field Monitors to assist running their planted pheasant hunts for hunter education graduates.

Geographic area served:

The Santa Clarita Chapter of Quail Unlimited serves the Los Angeles and Ventura Counties.

Major sources and dollar amounts of corporate, foundation and government support during current and past fiscal year:

The Santa Clarita Valley Chapter of Quail Unlimited main sources of contributions come from: Membership Fees, Annual Banquet fundraiser and Rattlesnake Avoidance Clinics for Dogs. Quail Unlimited at the national level receives contributions from corporate donors such as: Chevy Trucks, Bass Pro Shops and Purina Dog Food. Quail Unlimited also receives government grants for habitat restoration projects from U.S. Forestry Dept. & Bureau of Land Management.

History of all grants received from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission:

This is our first request for funds from the Los Angeles County Fish and Game Commission.

Project Information

Statement of justification of need:

This lake is presently devoid of any fish. In order to redevelop a fishing program for the hundreds of Boy Scouts and other youth groups who utilize this camp, the lake will need to be stocked. In order to do so, grant funds will need to be appropriated to purchase the game fish. Both the Boy Scouts and SCVQU are non profit groups without the financial means to cover the cost of restocking.

Statement of purpose and goals:

The purpose of this request is cover the cost of the purchase of fish to restock this lake located at Camp Three Falls. The goal is to restock the lake with enough fish to sustain a fishing program. Program goals will include teaching Boy Scouts, and other youth groups how to properly use of fishing equipment, learn about fishing regulations, fish identification, and finally how to catch, clean and cook a fish.

Action plan to meet objectives:

- Work with local fish hatcheries to stock the lake.
- Encourage a barbless, catch and release program
- Use BSA Fishing Merit Badge Counselors to oversee and assist Boy Scouts.
- Require experienced fisherman to assist other youth groups to ensure that program guidelines are met.
- Post an "honor system" survey lakeside to record the take of fish.

Statement of how the objectives advance the propagation and protection of fish and wildlife:

Propagation is obvious. Right now there are no fish in this lake. Experienced fisherman will be able to ensure that game regulations are followed. The catch and release program will enable the fish to continue to thrive in the lake. Counselors will teach the young people proper fishing and release methods ensuring the highest possibility of survival.

Project budget and timetable:

Approximately 2000 (1 lbs) Rainbow Trout @ 3.00 per lbs	\$ 6000.00
Delivery from:	
Calaveras Trout Farm Inc	
4902 E Robinson Rd, Snelling, CA 95369	400.00
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	\$ 6400.00

Delivery Date: June 24, 2008

Sources of other support for project:

None

Current status of project:

This project is on hold pending grant approval.

Cash flow analysis of the expenditure of project funds:

100% of funds will go towards the purchase and delivery of fish.

Proposed method of evaluating results:

Evaluation forms will be developed. Questions will include how many fish were caught by each fisherman, the overall condition of the fish, approximate size, and how many were taken. This will help us monitor the results of the program. The success of the program will be evident the first time a fish is caught!

Plans for funding on-going project (if applicable):

This will be an on-going project and supplemental stocking may be required. No plans at this time for additional request for funding, until program evaluation has been met.

Progress reports (bi-yearly or upon completion, whichever occurs first):

Following the first year of the plant, we will review the evaluation forms, and provide a report based on our findings.

Please Attach the Following Supporting Documents:

- Description of Organizational Structure or Organizational Chart
- Copy of the Latest IRS Determination Letter of Tax Exempt Status under Section 501(c) (3)
- Most Recent Audited Financial Statement
- Most Recent IRS Form 990

ATTACHMENT A

CALIFORNIA FISH AND GAME CODE

§ 13103. Expenditures from fish and wildlife propagation fund; purposes

Expenditures from the fish and wildlife propagation fund of any county may be made only for the following purposes:

- (a) Public education relating to the scientific principles of fish and wildlife conservation, consisting of supervised formal instruction carried out pursuant to a planned curriculum and aids to education such as literature, audio and video recordings, training models, and nature study facilities.
- (b) Temporary emergency treatment and care of injured or orphaned wildlife.
- (c) Temporary treatment and care of wildlife confiscated by the department as evidence.
- (d) Breeding, raising, purchasing, or releasing fish or wildlife which are to be released upon approval of the department pursuant to Sections 6400 and 6401 onto land or into waters of local, state or federal agencies or onto land or into waters open to the public.
- (e) Improvement of fish and wildlife habitat, including, but not limited to, construction of fish screens, weirs, and ladders; drainage or other watershed improvements; gravel and rock removal or placement; construction of irrigation and water distribution systems; earthwork and grading fencing; planting trees and other vegetation management; and removal of barriers to the migration of fish and wildlife.
- (f) Construction, maintenance, and operation of public hatchery facilities.
- (g) Purchase and maintain materials, supplies, or equipment for either the department's ownership and use or the department's use in the normal performance of the department's responsibilities.
- (h) Predator control actions for the benefit of fish or wildlife following certification in writing by the department that the proposed actions will significantly benefit a particular wildlife species.
- (i) Scientific fish and wildlife research conducted by institutions of higher learning, qualified researchers, or governmental agencies, if approved by the department.

(j) Reasonable administrative costs, excluding the costs of audits required by Section 13104, for secretarial service, travel, and postage by the county fish and wildlife commission when authorized by the county board of supervisors. For purposes of this subdivision, "reasonable cost" means an amount which does not exceed 3 percent of the average amount received by the fund during the previous three-year period, or three thousand dollars (\$3,000) annually, whichever is greater, excluding any funds carried over from a previous fiscal year.

(k) Contributions to a secret witness program for the purpose of facilitating enforcement of this code and regulations adopted pursuant to this code.

(l) Cost incurred by the district attorney or city attorney in investigating and prosecuting civil and criminal actions for violations of this code, as approved by the department.

(m) Other expenditures, approved by the department, for the purpose of protecting, conserving, propagating, and preserving fish and wildlife.

(Amended by Stats.1990, c 764 (A.B. 4039), § 3; Stats.1991, c. 561 (A.B.722), § 2.)